(9) RAMANATHAPURAM (5)
Vilangattor, Mariyur Valinokkam Salt Complex, Mariyur Valinokkam Salt Compex, Muhilthagam Panandai, Sellur
(10) SALEM (3)
Elayampalayam, Pillyur, Govindapadi
(11) SOUTH ARCOT (6)
Nallathur Sri Raman, Melakuppam, Nochimedu Seshanganur, Nanjamahathuvalkai
(12) TIRUCHIRAPPALI
Arasalur
(13) TIRUNELVELI-KATTABOMMAN (4)
Azhaganeri, Kiviluthu, Oothu, Karisalkukam
(14) TIRUVANNAMALAI SAMBUYAR (1)
Attiyanur
(15) CHIDAMARAMAR
Vedapatti

Statement-III

Steps taken to improve delivery of mail

(i) Preliminary sorting of mails posted for despatch is being done in nearly all the delivery post offices.
(ii) Bulk mailers are being persuaded to presort their mail before presentation for despatch at Post Offices or Railway Mail Service (RMS) offices.
(iii) In nearly all the Districts, one RMS Office has been identified as an in ward sorting office for that District to avoid mails being missent or being sent without detailed sorting. This ensures speedier transmission.
(iv) Close liaision is being maintained with the Railways, Indian Airline and State Transport Undertakings to transmit bags to various places for early delivery.
(v) Test letters are being posted regularly to locate any delay in the transit of mails and to taken remedial steps for removing such delay.

Opening and Modernisation of Telegraph Offices in Tamil Nadu

75. SHRI R.T. GOPALAN : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any efforts to open new telegraph offices and also to modernise the existing oens;

(b) if so, what steps have been taken in this regard in Tamil Nadu during the Seventh Five Year Plan period;

(c) what is the number of telegraph offices proposed to be opened in Tamil Nadu during the Eighth Five Year Plan period; and

(d) what is the number and the details of the telegraph offices identified in Tamil Nadu for modernisation during the Eighth Five Year Plan period?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During the Seventh Five Year Plan period 20 Telegraph Offices have been opened in Tamil Nadu and under modernisation programme, one SFT—141 System has been commissioned. During 1990-92 one 128 Port Store and Forward Message Switching System, 2 Nos. Store and Forward Telegraph Systems and one 32 port store and forward message switching system have been commissioned besides opening of Five Telegraph Offices.

(c) It is proposed to open Four Telegraph Offices in Tamil Nadu during the Eighth Five Year Plan period.

(d) Number and details of Telegraph Offices identified for modernisation in Tamil Nadu Telecom. Circle during the Eighth Five Year Plan period are given in the attached statement.

Statement

Number and details of Telegraph Offices identified in Tamil Nadu Telecom. Circle during the Eighth Five Year Plan Period.

(1) One SFMS-64 System is proposed to be installed at CTO, Coimbatore.
(2) One SFMS-64 System is proposed to be installed at CTO, Madurai.
(3) One SFMS-32 System is proposed to be installed at CTO, Tirunelveli.
(4) One SFMS-32 System is proposed to be installed at CTO, Salem.
(5) 30 Electronic Key-Board Concentrators are proposed to be installed in CTOs / DTOs as under:—

Anna Road	1
Karaikudi	1
Salem	2
Dharmapuri	1
Nagercoil	2
Mambalam	1
Madurai	2
Erode	1
Thanjavur	2
Tuticorin	2
Kilpauk	1

Coimbatore	1
Trichy	2
Vellore	2
Tirunelveli	2
Virudhunagar	1
Ramanathapuram	1
Udhagamandala	1
Villupuram	2
Mayiladuthurai	2

(6) 128 Formated terminals alongwith 8 Concentrators are to be distributed in different Telegraph Offices in Tamil Nadu based on traffic load.

Production Target of Subscriber Lines

76. SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the production capacity of subscriber lines available at ITIS and the production levels at Bangalore, Rai Bareli, Manakpur and Palghat; and

(b) what is the estimated production target of subscriber lines for the year 1995?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) The approved annual capacity for production of subscriber lines of various Units of ITI and the present production level are as follows:

S. No.	Unit	Approved annual production capacity	Production during 1990-91
1.	Bangalore	5,00,000 lines	1,57,040 lines
2.	Mankapur	5,00,000 lines	4,48,300 lines
3.	Palaghat	2,00,000 lines	32,700 lines
4.	Rai Bareli	3,00,000 lines	1,49,769 lines
5.	Model Plant Bangalore	1,00,000 lines	61,432 lines

(b) The Production target of the subscriber lines for the year 1995 is estimated to be 1.2 Million lines.

Interception of Mail by Mafia Gangs of Courier Services

77. SHRI S.S.AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that some mafia gangs of Courier services are operating in the capital in connivance with the postal employees who intercepts foreign mail and transfer the same into other envelops with blurb-pay Courier Service Charge and dupe the addresses;

(b) if so, what are details thereof; and

(c) what action Government have taken in the matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b) Prima facie involvement of one Postman, and two employees of a private courier firm in such activities in the capaital has come to the notice of the Government and those persons have been arrested by the Police.

(c) The Postman has been placed under suspension. The monitoring of foreign mail has also been tightened up.

Distruption of Postal Services in Assam and North-East states

78. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the postal services in Assam and other states of the north eastern region remained disrupted due to employees' agitations;

(b) if so, the details of grievances of the employees and the period during which the services remained disrupted;

(c) the steps, if any taken by Government to provide relief to the people of the North-Eastern States; and

(d) whether any steps are contemplated by Government to prevent